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## MEXICAN CHIEF LEAVES CAPITAL AFTER QUARREL

Provisional President Gutierrez Quits Capital After He Engaged in a Fuss With Zapata and His Men.

## PEACE IN SIGHT IS NOW POSSIBILITY

Villa and His Staff of Officers Arrives in the City Without Creating Any Disturbance Among the Population.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 24.—That Provisional President Sualito Gutierrez had quit Mexico City, due to differences between him and Felipe Angeles and followers of Zapata, was reported today to T. R. Beltran, local constitutionalist consul.

The message said the capital was governed by a committee composed of Villa and Zapata adherents equally, and that another provisional president would be selected January 10.

## NO CONFIRMATION GIVEN.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—No report that General Gutierrez had left Mexico City, and that the capital was being governed by a commission had been received here late today. The Gutierrez agent declared he had talked over the telegraph wire late last night with Gutierrez himself in the national palace.

General Villa and his staff arrived in Mexico City today, according to advices to the state department from Consul Sullivan. Villa's entry occasioned no unusual demonstration.

## PEACE NOW IN SIGHT.

NACOS, Ariz., Dec. 24.—Peace along (Continued on Page 3.)

## CHINA'S PRESIDENT IS "SON OF HEAVEN"

Old Rites, Sacred to Emperors of Manchu Dynasty, Performed by Executive Before Nation's Most Sacred Shrine.

PEKING, China, Dec. 24.—President Yuan Shi Kai at sunrise today appeared before the Altar of Heaven in the Chinese city and revived the worship of heaven at the Winter Solstice, an observance neglected since the passing of the Manchu dynasty in 1911. In this the president of the republic took upon himself a function and rite which in the past always has been reserved to the Emperor of China in his capacity of "Tien Tsz" or son of heaven.

Yuan Shi Kai submitted a bill to the Chinese administrative council in January of this year prescribing the worship of heaven and of Confucius for the president of China, and the measure was passed by the council. This act was regarded as tantamount to establishing a state religion for China. During the deliberation of the council it was set forth that the president of the republic should worship at the Temple of Confucius and at the Temple of Heaven annually, as had been the custom of the Chinese Emperor. Today's function appears to be a carrying out of the purposes then set forth. The president was instructed on these religious occasions to wear the robes of the high dukes designed during the Chow dynasty in the year 1122 B. C.

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## King Sends Message To Americans

Belgian Ruler Expresses His Deep Gratitude for Aiding Starving People.

Speaks of Soldiers' Bravery As Talking About Own Children.

GRAND HEADQUARTERS OF THE KING OF THE BELGIANS, IN WEST FLANDERS, Belgium, Sunday, Dec. 20, via London, Dec. 24.—In the council chamber of the ancient Flemish town hall from which he is directing, under German shell fire, the resistance of his war worn little army blocking the road to Dunkirk and Calais, King Albert, of the Belgians, today told of the stand the soldiers are making against the German invaders.

King Albert conveyed to the people of the United States his deep gratitude for their efforts to feed his subjects now under German military rule. "I believe," he said, "my army is courageous. My people, however, are too democratic for the same discipline that prevails in the conscript European armies. You will see something of the bravery of my people when tomorrow you shall have the chance to witness the peasants working in their fields under shell fire, concerned only for the losses of their homes, the destruction of which causes them great grief."

## Message to Americans.

He then wrote in English the following message: "The magnificent generosity of the American people in forwarding immense quantities of gifts of foodstuffs to my suffering people affords me intense satisfaction and touches me very deeply. In this, my country's hour of trial, nothing has supported me more than the sympathy and generosity of those who have assisted in materially lessening the same, and I desire to offer my deepest thanks and at the same time to convey a message of good will for the New Year."

"ALBERT, King of the Belgians."

## Hanging the Mistletoe



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## Palace of Albania's Ruler Set on Fire

By Associated Press.  
LONDON, Dec. 24.—A dispatch from Durazzo, Albania, says the palace of Essad Pasha at Tirana has been set afire.

Essad Pasha always prominent in Albanian military and political circles was named provisional president following the recent retirement of Prince William of Wied who had been selected by the powers to rule Albania. Essad Pasha, was last reported as advancing on Scutari and it was said that he had proclaimed a holy war in Albania. Tirana, where his palace is located is about 70 miles south of Scutari.

## Austrian Submarine Fights French Ship

By Associated Press.  
PARIS, Dec. 24.—An official communication issued today by the French minister of Marine says:

"An Austrian submarine fired two torpedoes at a French armored cruiser in the Straits of Otranto, one of them exploding forward. The damage done to the vessel was unimportant. None of the cruiser's crew were injured."

## Awakens Wife With Kiss; Tries to Kill Her

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Awakened by her husband kissing her yesterday morning Mrs. Nora Price, of No. 526 West One Hundred and Thirtieth st., bade him goodbye, believing he was going to work. Next instant blows from a baton rained on her head. She screamed and her daughters, Helene, eighteen, and Ethel, fifteen, ran to her rescue and fought their father, William Price. He escaped and his wife was taken to the Knickerbocker Hospital with four fractures of the skull. Later Price was caught. He was suffering from delirium tremens.

## Sobriety Record In Czar's Capital

SOBRIETY No 5 .....  
PETROGRAD, Dec. 24.—For the first time in the history of Petrograd four consecutive days passed without an arrest for drunkenness, notwithstanding these days included two Russian holidays and Sunday.

This is one of the results of the recent government orders forbidding the sale of alcoholic liquors.

## Official War News

By Associated Press.

BERLIN, by wireless to London, Dec. 24.—The official communication issued today by the German general headquarters staff says: "The enemy did not renew its attack in the neighborhood of Neuport yesterday. At Hixchoote we took 230 prisoners on December 22. The enemy was again active yesterday in the neighborhood of Chailons. Infantry attacks followed a fierce artillery attack made by the enemy in the regions of Souain and Perthes. These were repulsed. A trench kept under continuous artillery fire by the enemy was lost by us, but was recaptured in the evening. The position was abandoned after this successful counter attack because parts of the trench had been almost leveled by the enemy's fire. More than 100 prisoners were left in our hands."

"In the east we have assumed the offensive and are advancing from Neidenburg and Soldau in East Prussia. We have repulsed the Russians after several days' fighting at Mlaw, Northern Poland, and the enemy's position at Mlaw again is in our hands. More than 1,000 prisoners were taken in these battles. At the confluence of the Bzura and Rawa rivers, fierce bayonet attacks took place at many places. The artillery could do little on account of the misty weather. The Russians suffered heavy losses on the right bank of the Pilica river in the district to the southeast of Tomaszow. The Russians attacked fiercely several times, but were repulsed by the Austro-German forces with heavy losses. Further to the south the situation generally is unchanged."

The Germans endeavored to take the offensive in the directions of Villers-Tourbe but our artillery dispersed them. In the Argonne we took possession of a piece of ground in the forests of Lagurrie and in the vicinity of Bagatelle we repulsed a German attack.

In the region of Verdun the prevalence of fog made possible the conduct of any operations of importance. The enemy delivered a counter attack but without success in the forests of Convoeuve.

In the forest of Apermont our artillery (Continued on Page 3.)

## "Booze" Flows In Sewer By Court Order

CONSTABLE W. R. RIGGS EMPTIES TWELVE HUNDRED GALLONS OF BEER.

ONE MAN HAD A BUCKET TO CATCH THE LIQUID AS IT FLOWED.

Yes, they gathered at the sewer. More than two hundred strong with officers and a brewer. Many thought the meeting wrong.

Constable W. R. Riggs obeying the mandate of the order entered by Judge W. S. Raymond, of the circuit court directing him to publicly destroy the beer, wine and whiskey involved in eight cases which had been disposed of in the court, emptied the booze Thursday afternoon in the sewer at the corner of Jefferson and Jackson streets.

A large crowd of the thirsty ones were there to see the last drops drain from the kegs, bottles and jugs. One colored man was there with a bucket and he begged for fifteen cents worth of the amber fluid.

About twelve hundred gallons of beer is now mingling with the waters of the old Monongahela and keeping company with it is a quantity of wine, whiskey, apple jack, peaches and honey and other kinds of heavy stimulants.

The persons there who were glad to see the stuff go but felt sorry even that the sewer had to be polluted. There were others there who felt that they were attending a funeral.

## Templar's Hold Xmas Service

Following a world wide custom among the Masonic lodges, Crusade Commandery No. 6, Knights Templar, of this city will hold a brief service Christmas morning celebrating the birth of Christ.

The service which will begin at 11:30 and close at twelve, will be conducted by Eminent Commander Wilbur H. Brand and the prayer will be offered by Rev. Harry C. Howard as chaplain.

Music for the service will be in charge of Miss Katherine Hough and will consist of a solo "Crossing the Bar" by Miss Hough and a select quartette, "Christians Awake" sung by Miss Hough, Miss Nell Layman, Mr. George Miller and Dr. C. H. Neill.

## Five Die When Fire Rages In N. Y. Tenement

Dead Are Members of One Family Living on Top Floor.

Many Rescues From Windows Made by Firemen and Patrolmen.

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Five members of a family occupying an apartment on the top floor of a five story tenement house on West 49th street were trapped in a fire early today that started in the basement and spread rapidly up the elevator shaft. Four members of the family were suffocated, the fifth dying soon after reaching a hospital.

The dead are Mrs. Mary Corse, 48 years old, her three sons Charles 21, Frank 19, and Harry 7, and her niece, Grace Anadale aged 8.

The only surviving member of the family are Arthur Corse, telephone operator at the Polesin hospital, who was on duty when the fire started and he ordered out ambulances and surgeons to the scene. He did not learn of the death of his relatives until his mother was brought to the hospital where she died. Scores of other tenants in the building suffered from inhaling smoke and minor injuries in escaping.

Patrolmen and firemen performed many rescues from windows on the fourth and fifth floors. The loss on the building was small amounting to about \$500.

## Senate to Confirm Fairmont P. M. Soon

Congressman M. M. Neely is home from Washington to spend the holiday vacation with his family. Mr. Neely gave it as his opinion that Charles E. Manley's appointment as postmaster of Fairmont will be confirmed at the first executive session of the senate held after congress convenes after the holiday vacation. It is likely that Mr. Manley's name will be among the first appointments sent by President Wilson to the senate for confirmation.

## Railroader Has Leg Amputated

Robert Nichols, employed as a brakeman in the Baltimore and Ohio yards, had his foot so badly crushed, this morning while at his work, that amputation was necessary. He was taken to the Miners hospital, where the operation was performed and he is doing well at this time.

## TRIBUTE EXACTED BY GERMANS AT ANTWERP

Belgium Forced to Supply Conquerors With Provisions, Luxuries, Supplies and Professional Services While Own Millions Suffer and Starve.

NORTHERN FRANCE, Dec. 24.—A detailed account of the exactions by the German authorities in Antwerp shows that the daily fine demanded is 14 tons of bread, 28 tons of potatoes, 8 tons of fresh meat, 3 1-2 tons of preserved meat, 2 tons of cheese, 8,500 bottles of wine, 25,000 cigarettes, 85,000 cigars, 1,700 packets of tobacco and 20 tons of oats.

The forage shops have been forced to provide field glasses for the German officers gratis. Dentists are obliged to give their services and to supply artificial teeth and gold fillings without payment.

On Wednesday and Thursday last German and Austrian troops which had been entrained at Schaerbeek in a lamentable condition passed through Brussels on their way back from the Yser.

## GERMAN AIR SHIP DROPS BOMB ON DOVER, ENGLAND

Missile Fell in a Garden and Exploded Without Damage. Aviator Escapes in Heavy Fog From English Aerial Vessel.

## TEUTON ZEPPELIN IS WRECKED NEAR PARIS

Kaiser's Men Bring Heavy Guns to Warsaw and Will Begin Siege—Russia Claims Successes in the Last Encounters.

By Associated Press.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A hostile aeroplane dropped a bomb over Dover this morning and then disappeared, according to a statement made this afternoon by the official press bureau. The statement follows:

"An aeroplane of the enemy dropped a bomb while passing over Dover this morning. The missile fell in a garden and exploded, but no damage was done. The aeroplane was seen for a few seconds only. It left immediately, passing out over the sea. A British air craft went up, but did not see the enemy again. The weather was cloudy and foggy."

By Associated Press.]

PARIS, Dec. 24.—A German aeroplane trying to reach Paris, says the Journal, was pursued and brought down by the French air patrol at Ton-touise, 19 miles west of Paris last Sunday.

LONDON, December 24.—Christmas eve finds little change in the underground warfare now being conducted in the western war theater, where Gen. Joffre, the commander in chief of the French army, still appears to be cautiously feeling for an opening in the strongly entrenched German lines across the French and Belgian frontier.

## Both Claim Victory.

In the east a supreme German effort continues to be made before Warsaw, where the forces of the German center and of the Russians away back and forth along the banks of the rivers barring the way to the Polish capital. The Russians claim successes in the latest encounters, but during the last ten days the Germans have advanced appreciably and it is said they are now bringing up their 43 centimetre guns (Continued on Page 3.)



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